

# Partnerships for Stewardship

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## PARTNERS

- USDA Forest Service (USFS)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- USDI Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)
- Washington Department of Ecology (ECY)
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Washington Rangeland Committee (WRC)
- Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC)
- Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)
- WSU Extension
- WWCC Collaborative Leadership Institute

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Visit the CRM website at:  
[www.crmwashington.org](http://www.crmwashington.org)

## What Do Facilitators Do Anyway? And Do You Need One?

The root of the English verb, 'to facilitate' comes from a Latin root that means to make easy. Using a good facilitator to walk your group through the organizing or planning process can make collaboration much easier and may make the difference between success and failure.

Even though a facilitator's role is to make things easier for your group, don't expect him or her to make decisions or furnish solutions. That's your job! Facilitators get you to do the work, they do not do the work for you.

The facilitator's job is to provide a process that enables groups to come up with solutions to their natural resource problems. Good facilitators also keep the track free of obstructions that would derail the process. Rarely do facilitators contribute 'content' in Coordinated Resource Management.

If you notice that the facilitator is generating a lot of ideas or campaigning for certain results, ask yourself if the plan will be the facilitator's or the group's. If you don't like the answer, you might want to drop the facilitator like a hot potato. Such a facilitator is probably not in the best interest of your group.

An exception might be where a trusted group member does the facilitating. In such cases, the group needs to be aware when the facilitator shifts out of neutral into a stakeholder position. Even though facilitators should be neutral, it can help if they are knowledgeable about natural resources and familiar with the issues.

All the stakeholders need to have faith that the process is open, fair, and not being manipulated. CRM is predicated on the belief that local people are in the best position to solve local problems and that "none of us knows as much about something as all of us". A facilitator can be the one to make that happen.

Not sure whether a facilitator is needed? Here are a few questions to consider:

- Are strong opinions, confusion, and conflict common place?
- Will the decisions to be made likely involve a lot of risk and change?
- Do local people need to take ownership of or buy into the plan?
- Does it need to be done right the first time?
- Are there lots of stakeholders and complex issues involved (even if everyone works together well)?
- Are there large gaps or obstacles between where the group is and where they want to be (or should be)?
- Is the group or the process already falling apart?
- Are the leaders perceived as being biased or too 'invested'? Or, do the leaders want to participate in the decision-making process (rather than facilitate)?

If you answered yes to even one of these questions, a facilitator might make it easier to keep your group moving forward. Facilitation training and a roster of facilitators is available through the Washington CRM Program.

## CRM PROGRAM REQUESTING INPUT ON WORKSHOPS

### Survey Available on Survey Monkey

The CRM Task Group is currently gathering feedback on past CRM Program workshops and input on what types of training people would like to see in the future. The Task Group encourages everyone who has completed one of the workshops or has any interest in training to take the survey. The survey is being handled and tabulated through Survey Monkey. Click on the following link to take the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=hiP7AjxOvdM34XIYBxIDxw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=hiP7AjxOvdM34XIYBxIDxw_3d_3d)

Taking the survey online is probably the easiest but those who prefer using a pencil to fill out the survey can obtain a hardcopy from Ken Mills at (509) 754-2463 ext. 1133 or by e-mail at [kmills@crmWASHINGTON.org](mailto:kmills@crmWASHINGTON.org).

You can also contact Mills to provide additional input, ask questions about CRM training, or to be put on the mailing list for training announcements.

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## OUTDOOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Field Season Well Under Way

It goes without saying that any real natural resources work, even though it may have originated indoors under the auspices of Coordinated Resource Management planning, will eventually shift to an outdoors setting.

WSU Extension has several events coming up where folks can spend time outdoors in pleasant surroundings and increase their knowledge about the conservation and management of natural resources at the same time.

The highly regarded Forest Owner Field Days have been scheduled for June 20 in eastern Washington and July 31-August 1 in western Washington. There is something for everybody or any CRM group that has an interest in forest, and in the case of the eastern Washington session, range resources.

For those people or groups with an interest in sustainable agriculture, the June 15 Whitman County BIOag Tour will visit several sites to focus on sustainable use of water and grasslands. Space on this tour is limited so contact Steve Van Vleet with Extension at (509) 397-6920.

For more information about these events see the flyers, which are included as pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter.

## EVENTS

**Healthy Forests for Fish and Wildlife Workshop**—June 4, Arlington  
<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/wildlifeworkshop.htm>

**BIOag Tour**—June 15, Whitman Co.  
[svanvleet@wsu.edu](mailto:svanvleet@wsu.edu)  
Steve Van Vleet (509) 397-6290

**WADE Conference**—June 15-17, Leavenworth  
<http://wade.scc.wa.gov/Events.html>

### Forest & Range Field Days

June 20, Republic  
<http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship/index.htm>  
July 31– Aug. 1, Skagit Co.  
<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/2009FieldDay.htm>

### Grantsmanship Center's Training Program—

June 20-24, Seattle Pacific University

### Rural Roots—Producer-to-Producer Workshop Series

Various dates & locations  
[http://csanr.wsu.edu/Events/On-FarmFS\\_announcement\\_final.pdf](http://csanr.wsu.edu/Events/On-FarmFS_announcement_final.pdf)

### Society for Range Management Tour & Meeting—

Sept 16-18, Clarkston  
[Dana\\_Peterson@blm.gov](mailto:Dana_Peterson@blm.gov)  
(509) 665-2100

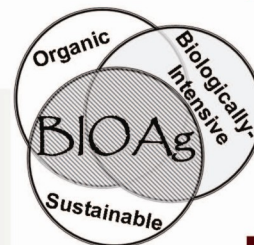
### CRM Annual Executive Tour—

October 8, Cheney-St. John  
[info@crmWASHINGTON.org](mailto:info@crmWASHINGTON.org)  
(509) 754-2463 ext.1133

SAVE THE DATE!

## 2009 BIOAg TOUR

JUNE 15



*"My vision of farming comes from the 60's.  
For a city boy, the BIOAg Tour was one of the  
most valuable legislative tours of all time."*

Ken Jacobsen  
Washington State Senator, 46th District

Join a 1-day tour in Eastern Washington to see BIOAg in action:

- Pasture as a Solar Cell - McIntosh Angus
  - Sustainable Water Management Practices - Maple K Farms
  - Farm Families—A Century of Progress in Stewardship -  
McGregor Land & Livestock
  - Ag Pilots project "Transitioning from CRP"- Don Nelson & crew
- ☞ Summation of Day's Events — Barbecue at Fairgrounds ☞

Departure: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites ~ 509-334-4437  
SE 1190 Bishop Blvd., Pullman, WA  
**June 15, 2009 ~ 7:30 a.m.**

Free Sunday Night Lodging  
available with Holistic  
Livestock Producers  
Call 509-595-5163

Late Afternoon Barbecue  
Mid-Morning Brunch

RSVP to Steve Van Vleet

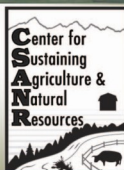
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## Forest and Range Owners Field Day

JUNE 20, 2009 • 9:00 AM–4:30 PM • K DIAMOND K GUEST RANCH • REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON

*This program will help you protect and enhance your rural lifestyle, the health and beauty of your forest and range, and your financial investment.*

**W**hether you own a few acres or a large tract of land, this educational event is for you! You will learn how to plan and implement sound forest and range management practices.

Join the more than 6,000 people who've already attended these events across Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

### Sponsors

- WSU Extension
- University of Idaho Extension
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources
- Idaho Department of Lands
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Ferry County Conservation District
- Family Forest Foundation
- Washington Farm Forestry Assn.
- Idaho Forest Owners Association
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- American Tree Farm System
- Society of American Foresters
- Society for Range Management
- Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- Washington Cattlemen's Assn.

### FOREST AND RANGE OWNERS FIELD DAY AGENDA

#### Schedule

- Official course schedule available online at [www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship](http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship) or your local Extension office.
- Gates open at 8 a.m.
- Presentations at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

#### About the site

- Parking immediately adjacent to presentation stations.
- Portable restrooms, coffee, refreshments, and drinking water are available on-site.
- Seating provided at presentation stations and lunch area.
- Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- There will be vendors and displays.
- Walking short distances over nearly-level forested terrain is required.

#### Lunch

- On-site BBQ lunch \$8. Or, bring a lunch or dine in Republic.

#### Directions to K Diamond K Ranch

- **From Hwy. 20 in Republic:** head south on Highway 21 out of Republic. The ranch is on the right just past mile post 157, 4 miles from 20/21 junction.
- **From I-90 heading east:** take the Odessa exit to Wilbur. Turn left in Wilbur and right just past town onto 174/21. Go ½ mile and turn right onto 21. Cross the Columbia on the Free Ferry and go another 45 miles. The ranch is on the left just past mile post 156. Watch for signs!

[www.kdiamondk.com](http://www.kdiamondk.com)

#### Forestry topics

- Wildfire Risk Reduction
- Thinning and Pruning
- Forest Health
- Hands-on Forest Health Assessment
- Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
- Wildlife Damage Control
- Non-timber Forest Products (greenery, edibles, medicinals, mushroom culture)
- Forest and Rangeland Security and Safety Issues
- Site Preparation, Reforestation, and Early Plantation Management
- Noxious Weed Control
- Working with Consulting Foresters and Managing Your Timber Sale
- Fish Habitat Enhancement and Financial Assistance
- Forestland Taxation
- Riparian Forest Management and Assistance
- Tree & Shrub Identification
- Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance
- Native American Uses of the Land
- Forest Biomass Markets

#### Range topics

- Determining Appropriate Stocking Rates
- Species Selection and Establishment Methods for Rangeland Seeding
- Rangeland Health Assessment Tools
- Noxious Weed Control
- Cost-Incentive Programs for Rangeland
- Tracking Landscape Changes—Rangeland Monitoring Options

#### Information

- Andy Perleberg, Extension Educator (509) 667-6540
- Obtain a registration brochure from your local WSU Extension Office or download it from <http://www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship>

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local WSU Extension office.